

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the subject application. The Office Action of October 10, 2003 has been received and contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 1, 5-13, and 16-22 are pending.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 10-12, 16, 17, 19, 21, and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,356,335 to Kim et al. (hereinafter "Kim '335").

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 2, 7, 9, 13, 18, and 20 are allowable.

Applicants hereby amend independent claims 1 and 12 to include the limitations of claims 2 and 13, respectively, and cancel claims 2 and 13, in order to expedite prosecution of this application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of original claims 1 and 12, and their respective dependent claims, at a later time. Applicants submit that the rejections are moot in view of the amendments made herein, and that remaining claims 1, 5-12, and 16-22 are allowable.

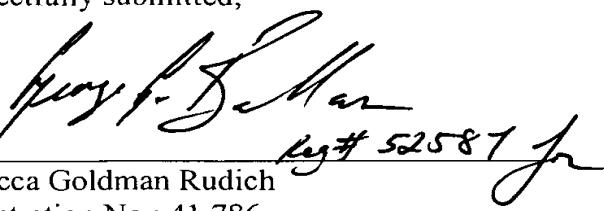
Applicant believes the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner deems that a telephone conference would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number (202) 496-7500. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37

C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911.

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